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YOUNG'S AMENDMENT

To insert a new Section 2 and re-number the old Sections 2 - 7 to Sections 3 – 8. The new Section 2 shall read:

“Section 2: The Task Force shall consist of the following members:

- One member shall be appointed by the Mayor
- One member shall be appointed by the Council President
- Three members shall be appointed by the Council as follows:
 1. One by Council members from Districts 1, 2, 3, 4 and Post 1 At-Large
 2. One by Council members from Districts 5, 6, 7, 8 and Post 2 At-Large
 3. One by Council members from Districts 9, 10, 11, 12 and Post 3 At-Large
- One member shall be appointed by the Executive Director of Atlanta Housing Authority
- One member shall be appointed by the Board of Directors of Atlanta Housing Authority
- One representative each from all the affected housing complexes that are scheduled for demolition or renovation
- One member shall be appointed by AARP
- One member shall be appointed by Quality Living Services
- One member shall be appointed by the Atlanta Regional Commission
- One member shall be appointed by the City of Atlanta Department of Planning and Community Development
- One member shall be appointed by the Fulton County Council on Aging”

A RESOLUTION BY:
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A RESOLUTION TO CREATE A HOUSING RELOCATION TASK FORCE TO STUDY THE EFFECT OF THE ATLANTA HOUSING AUTHORITY QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVE ON THOSE RESIDENTS WHO ARE TO BE RELOCATED AND REQUESTING THAT THE ATLANTA HOUSING AUTHORITY SUSPEND THE DEMOLITION AND RENOVATION SCHEDULES OF THOSE SENIOR HIGHRISES IN WHICH THE DISPLACEMENT OF SENIORS IS ANTICIPATED, UNTIL ADEQUATE ALTERNATIVE HOUSING IS FOUND FOR EACH RESIDENT WHO WILL BE DISPLACED; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the Atlanta Housing Authority ("AHA"), through its Quality of Life Initiative, states that the residents in the 250 units in the Palmer House will be relocated beginning in January of 2008 and that the residents of the 257 units in the Roosevelt House will be relocated in April of 2009; and

WHEREAS, the planned renovation of the John O. Chiles Apartments may displace other residents at some time in the near future; and

WHEREAS, many of these residents and residents in other AHA properties in which demolitions and renovations are anticipated are elderly and may have difficulty finding suitable and affordable housing alternatives; and

WHEREAS, it is the desire of the Atlanta City Council to assist these seniors who may be affected by the efforts of Atlanta Housing Authority; and

WHEREAS, the City Council recognizes that funding from the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development continues to decline forcing the Atlanta Housing Authority to make difficult choices about the allocation of scarce resources; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to identify the best practices to be employed in the relocation of public housing residents that will be required by the Atlanta Housing Authority Quality of Life Initiative;

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ATLANTA GEORGIA HEREBY RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: A Housing Relocation Task Force is to be formed to analyze the effects of the Atlanta Housing Authority Quality of Life Initiative on those persons currently residing in public housing who will be forced to relocate, with the effects on the residents of the Palmer House, the Roosevelt House and the John O. Chiles Apartments, whose homes are the first scheduled for demolition or renovation, being the first priority.

Section 2: The Task Force will work together with AHA to develop a set of “best practices” to be followed in the relocation efforts associated with the Atlanta Housing Authority Quality of Life Initiative, including best practices in unit-for-unit replacements and tenants’ rights of first refusal.

Section 3: Appropriate legal resources are to be directed to assist the Housing Relocation Task Force to understand the legal rights of seniors residing in housing funded in whole or in part by the United States Department of Housing and Urban Development.

Section 4: The Housing Relocation Task Force is to develop detailed documents, such as “frequently asked questions” brochures and brochures detailing seniors’ rights as AHA tenants, which will assist those who may be relocated by the Atlanta Housing Authority Quality of Life Initiative.

Section 5: The Housing Relocation Task Force shall track the transition of those who are to be relocated by the Atlanta Housing Authority’s “Responsible Relocation” program.

Section 6: In the event that the Atlanta Housing Authority’s “Responsible Relocation” program does not provide an appropriate housing opportunity to each resident who is to be relocated, the City Council should be informed and prepared to take action so that no resident is relocated to a less desirable housing alternative.

Section 7: The Housing Task Force is to report to the Human Resources/Community Development Committee at a time and in a manner that will allow the City Council to determine whether it shall be necessary to request of AHA that the demolition schedules of the Palmer House, the Roosevelt House, and other AHA properties slated for demolition, and the renovation schedule of the John O. Chiles Apartments and other AHA properties slated for renovation be suspended or to consider such further action which will give additional time prior to such demolition or renovation for each affected resident to avail him- or herself of the best housing alternative.